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Ford, at Bush swearing-in at CIA, vows to 'safeguard' agency, agents

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Washington — President Ford and George Bush, the new director of central intelligence, pledged yesterday to safeguard Central Intelligence Agency secrets while carrying out reforms in the espionage service.

At a swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Bush in the CIA auditorium at Langley, Va., both the President and the director stressed determination to end

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leakage of classified information that has marked the year-long congressional probe into the intelligence community.

Mr. Ford, who expressed his approval of the House decision Thursday night to allow the White House to clear the final report of the House Select Committee on Intelligence before releasing it, said, "You cannot improve this agency by destroying it."



GEORGE BUSH
sworn at CIA

The audience of about 1,000 CIA employees and invited guests applauded.

"Let me assure you," Mr. Ford said, "I have no intention of seeing the intelligence community dismantled and its operations paralyzed or effectively undermined. This administration intends to safeguard the effectiveness of this agency, the confidentiality of its information and the lives and honor of his agents and employees."

There was more applause as

Mr. Ford said, "The irresponsible release of classified information by people who should know better must cease. A better balance must be struck between the right of the people to know and the country's commitment to survive and live in peace."

Mr. Bush, a former Republican party chairman, ambassador to the United Nations and most recently ambassador to China, echoed the President.

"I am determined to protect those things that must be kept secret and more determined to protect those unselfish and patriotic people who often put their lives on the line only to have others, bent on destroying this agency, expose their names. This must stop," Mr. Bush said.

Standing by was William E. Colby, the outgoing director, who was warmly praised by Mr. Ford. Mr. Colby received three standing ovations from employees as well as a round of applause from a group outside the auditorium when he drove off after the ceremony.

Mr. Colby, a longtime espionage professional, bore the weight of criticism that descended on the CIA following allegations it abused its powers. Only once in a year of coping

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